



REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 2114

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD

FOR DETERMINING A GLOBAL ORDERING OF

EVENTS USING TIMESTAMPS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 21, 2006

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Sir:

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of December 21, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.